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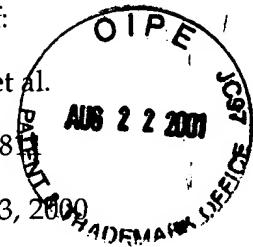
In re Application of:

Mark S. Knighton, et al.

Serial No. 09/660,809

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For: DIGITAL IMAGING SYSTEM HAVING
DISTRIBUTION CONTROLLED OVER
A DISTRIBUTED NETWORK



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

IN THE DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The sentence beginning on page 4, lines 7-9 has been amended as follows:

A1
User nodes may be discrete computers running a web browser, a corporate network, another server site, or any other node on the distributed network.

The paragraph beginning on page 4, lines 12-17, has been amended as follows:

A2
The host 150 may communicate over a wired link such as a universal serial bus (USB) or wireless link 162 to a digitizer 170. The digitizer 170 may be any of the myriad noncontact digitizers. One suitable digitizer is described in copending patent application Serial No. 09/660,809, entitled DIGITIZER USING INTENSITY GRADIENT TO IMAGE FEATURES OF THREE-DIMENSIONAL OBJECTS and assigned to the assignee of the instant application.

The sentence beginning on page 4, lines 23-24 has been amended as follows:

A3
The need to swap cables and otherwise rewire serves as a significant deterrent to widespread consumer adoption.

The sentences beginning on page 5, lines 12-16 have been amended as follows:

A4
One suitable turntable is described in copending application Serial No. 09/660,810 entitled WIRELESS TURNTABLE and assigned to the assignee of the instant application. Orientation fixture 180 may also be a robotic arm or other robotic device, or may be a turntable